

# Executive Order Establishing the Commission on the Environment and Sustainability

## County Executive of Howard County, MD

**Executive Order:** 2007-02

**Date:** February 19, 2007

**Subject:** Commission on the Environment and Sustainability

**WHEREAS**, The County Executive wishes to ensure our community has the best environmental quality and that we live and work sustainably; and

**WHEREAS**, The County Executive wishes to have guidance from the citizens of Howard County in reviewing our environmental procedures, policies and practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Howard County's environmental efforts can be strengthened by an understanding of best practices in environmental protection and sustainability from local governments throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Our county, our state, our country, and our world are faced with serious environmental concerns that endanger our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, The County Executive wishes to bring Howard County to the forefront of environmental protection, open space preservation, green building and development, and the use of green products, materials and vehicles

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** that a Commission on the Environmental and Sustainability is established. The duties and responsibilities of the commission shall be to:

- 1.** Review and evaluate in detail all of the County's existing environmental policies, practices, and procedures.
- 2.** Review the environmental efforts of other counties around our region and throughout the country.
- 3.** Explore opportunities for the County to advance and strengthen its environmental programs.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the commission shall present to the County Executive, on or before August 31, 2007 a report including:

- a. Analysis of review
- b. Recommendations on government reorganization
- c. Recommendations on existence of permanent Commission

d. Other findings and/or recommendations to launch Howard County as a model of environmental protection and sustainability

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the Commission on the Environment and Sustainability shall consist of 21 citizens and representatives of major organizations, three of which will be named by the County Council. All commission members must live in and/or work in Howard County and have an interest and/or expertise in the environment, conservation, sustainability, or renewable energy. The following citizens are appointed to the Commission:

Kenneth Boras  
James Caldwell  
Chein-Chi Chang  
Richard Deutschmann  
Candace Dodson-Reed  
Ian Kennedy  
Alex Kopicki  
Laura Lee  
Wanda MacLachlan  
Betsy McMillion  
F. Fenby Moore  
David Pratt  
Jennifer Seinfeld  
Zack Shariff  
Elizabeth Singer  
Mark Southerland  
Richard Thometz  
Ned Tillman  
Lee Walker-Oxenham  
Bert Wilson  
Shari Zaret

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that:

Mark Southerland and Elizabeth Singer will serve as the Commission's Co-Chairs, the Commission will be staffed by an Executive Director, and that the following county staff members will serve as ex-officio members of the Commission:

Director Department of Planning & Zoning or her designee  
Director, Department of Public Works or his designee  
Director, Department of Recreation & Parks or his designee  
Howard County Health Officer or his designee

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I, Ken Ulman, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 19th day of February, 2007.**

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Ken Ulman,  
County Executive